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March 2014

Virtual Professional Development



Everyday Joy

It's been a long winter! Both teachers and students agree that this is just the time to bring some more joy into your classroom. Use our long list of everyday joy ideas to infuse even more of your own personality and passion into your lessons, chants and cheers, and student interactions. You will create high levels of engagement and build even stronger relationships with your students! Watch, download and join the conversation at #everydayjoy.

Click [here](#) by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 16 to take part in this professional development opportunity.

Use Our Teaching Resources

Diversity and inclusiveness are vital to our mission here at Achievement First and to educational equity overall. To learn more about diversity and inclusiveness at Achievement First, click [here](#). You can also use the resources below to discuss diversity and inclusiveness with your school community.

Resources:

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Leadership Corner

Looking for tips on how to effectively structure your next coaching conversation? Use this agenda [template](#) as you plan.

Hone your skill in observation and feedback by joining an Achievement First leadership team. Our next [application](#) deadline is March 14!

Annual Report

Last year was an exciting one here at AF! We're looking forward to taking big steps in 2014 and working hard to deliver on the potential of the American dream for all of our country's children. Interact with our first digital year in review and annual report [here](#).

Featured Opportunity

Secondary STEM Teachers

Start Date: July 2014

Location: Connecticut and New York

Achievement First is looking to hire teachers focused on STEM content areas. Our teachers work hard to ensure that our students have the quantitative skills and scientific knowledge to succeed in a competitive world. Achievement First supports these efforts with weekly teacher professional



Push your own thinking around diversity and inclusiveness using this recommended [reading list](#).

Plan your diversity and inclusiveness sessions using this [scope and sequence](#).

Set expectations for your diversity conversations using these [session norms](#).

Lead conversations around race and class using this [PowerPoint presentation](#).

To download more Achievement First resources in all subjects and grade levels, visit our [resources page](#).

Calling All Sue Lehmann Regional Finalists



Teach For America corps members and alumni play an integral part in Achievement First's growing network of high-performing, college-preparatory public charter schools in New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island. More than 400 TFA corps members and alumni are

currently teaching at our 25 academies, and over 60 percent of our school leaders are TFA alumni.

We are offering a \$1,000 bonus for any Sue Lehmann Regional Finalist who joins the Achievement First Team & Family as a teacher or school leader for the 2014-15 school year. [Apply online!](#)

Meet Us On the Road

Throughout the year, our team visits cities across the country in search of teachers and school leaders who are passionate about

development and coaching meetings, collaborative planning sessions, and unparalleled learning opportunities.

Learn more about our available teacher and leader roles [here](#).

Network Support Featured Opportunity

Associate, Talent Development
Start Date: Immediate
Location: Brooklyn, NY

The associate will join Team Talent Development in managing AF's Teacher Career Pathway (TCP), the organization's systematic approach to recognizing and rewarding excellent teachers. The associate will manage several key projects related to the implementation of the Pathway with a specific focus on operations and communications. Learn more about this opportunity [here](#).

We are always looking for talented individuals to join our Network Support team. View current Achievement First Network Support opportunities [here](#).

Our Mission

The mission of Achievement First is to deliver on the promise of equal educational opportunity for all of America's children. We believe that all children, regardless of race or economic status, can succeed if they have access to a great education.

creating high-quality experiences for urban students. Below are cities we'll be visiting soon; please [email](#) us to learn more.

March 5 - New York, NY - Teachers College K-12 Career Fair (Closed Event)

March 12 - New York, NY - Manhattan College Career Fair

March 12 - New York, NY - NYC Charter School Career Fair

March 19 - Boston, MA

April 2 - Kingston, RI

April 3 - New Haven, CT - Yale SOM Leadership Conference

April 8 - Philadelphia, PA

April 24 - Boston, MA

Other Ways to Learn More



Check out our calendar of upcoming events [here](#).

Follow us on Facebook [here](#).

Watch Achievement First videos [here](#).

Read the AF Chalkboard Blog [here](#).

To view previous newsletters, click [here](#).

Achievement First schools will provide all of our students with the academic and character skills they need to graduate from top colleges, to succeed in a competitive world and to serve as the next generation of leaders for our communities.

Diversity & Inclusiveness

At Achievement First, we believe that closing the achievement gap is an economic and moral imperative. It is the civil rights issue of our time. In carrying out our mission, Achievement First must ensure that our team is composed of individuals who, through their talent, commitment and understanding of both student needs and effective teaching, can ensure all of our students succeed in accomplishing these big dreams. Diversity and inclusiveness are critical to our mission.

Read why Achievement First has named diversity and inclusiveness one of our top five priorities for the 2013-14 school year [here](#).

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